

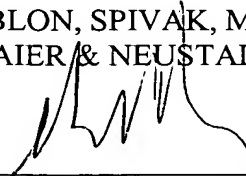
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled in favor of new Claims 12-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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